

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICAN FREEDOM DEFENSE	:
INITIATIVE, <u>et. al.</u> ,	:
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Plaintiffs,	:
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v.	: Civil Action No. 15-1038 (GK)
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WMATA, <u>et. al.</u> ,	:
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Defendants.	:

ORDER

Plaintiffs, American Freedom Defense Initiative, Pamela Geller and Robert Spencer, (collectively, "Plaintiffs," or "AFDI"), bring this action against the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, et. al., (collectively, "Defendants," or "WMATA"), alleging violations of their First Amendment rights. This dispute arose when Plaintiffs submitted an ad to WMATA to display on its property. After Plaintiffs submitted the ad, WMATA changed its policy to close its advertising space to all "issue-oriented" advertising. WMATA then rejected Plaintiffs' ad under the new policy. Plaintiffs claim that WMATA's denial is a prior restraint on Plaintiffs' speech in violation of their First Amendment rights.

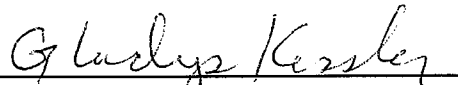
This matter is before the Court on the Parties' Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment [Dkt. Nos. 19, 20]. Upon consideration of the Motions, Oppositions [Dkt. Nos. 20, 25], and Replies [Dkt. Nos.

25, 29], and the entire record herein, and for the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment shall be granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment shall be denied.

March 28, 2017



Gladys Kessler
United States District Judge

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